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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Contemporaneous with the filing of this case and
prior to calculation of the filing fee, kindly amend as
follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

After the title please insert the following
paragraph:

REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

--The present application is the national stage
under 35 U.S.C. §371 of international application
PCT/JP99/06473, filed 19 November 1999 which designated the
United States, and which application was not published in the
English language.--